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ABSTRACT

This unit deals with life in Imperial China before 1912. The unit contrasts the lifestyles of the wealthy and the peasants and describes the important role of the family and the secondary place of women. The booklet also provides information about the development of written language in China and about Chinese religious philosophies and burial practices. The guide ends with a look at some of the many symbols found on Chinese objects on display at the Field Museum of Natural History in Chicago (Illinois). Activities are correlated to each section in the guide. (EH)

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